

## **Public Hearing Notice and Request for Comment**

The Puyallup Tribe of Indians has been granted treatment as a state by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for purposes of administering Federal Clean Water Act Section 303 Water Quality Standards and Section 401 Water Quality Certification Programs on trust lands within the 1873 Survey Area of the Puyallup Reservation. In 1994, the Environmental Protection Agency approved the Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the Puyallup Tribe. Section 303(c)(1) of the Clean Water Act requires that a state or tribe shall hold public hearings at least once every three years to review applicable water quality standards and modify and adopt standards as appropriate.

The Puyallup Tribe has completed the first review process of its water quality standards. Revisions to the standards were made based on best available science, statutes, regulations, guidance and policies. The changes contained in the proposed revised water quality standards fall into six major categories: 1) structural changes (switch from class-based to use-based system); 2) changes to designated uses of water bodies; 3) updates to numeric criteria; 4) additions or clarification of narrative criteria; 5) changes to the antidegradation policy and new implementation procedures; and 6) changes to discretionary, general policies.

The Puyallup Tribe is soliciting comments from the public. A public hearing on the proposed revised standards will begin at 7:00 p.m. on **Thursday, October 6, 2005** at:

Emerald Queen Hotel & Casino  
5700 Pacific Highway East  
Fife, Washington 98424

Those unable to attend the public hearing may submit written comments by **October 20, 2005** to:

Char Naylor, Water Program Manager  
Environmental Department  
Puyallup Tribe of Indians  
1850 Alexander Avenue  
Tacoma, Washington 98421

The proposed revised water quality standards and supplemental justification are available on-line at the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission's website:

<http://www.nwifc.org/water/PTIWaterQualityStandards.asp>.

Hard copies are available for review at the Tacoma Public Library (1102 Tacoma Avenue South) reference desk.